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In re patent application of

Cesar COMPADRE, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/494,374

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For: A CONCENTRATED, NON-FOAMING SOLUTION OF QUATERNARY  
AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE

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5-9-01AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 § 1.111Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2001. It is believed that no fee is due but should a fee be due, please consider this paragraph as the petition for the extension of time and an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from PTO deposit account No. 19-0741. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 40-43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Amended) A concentrated quaternary ammonium compound solution comprising:  
a quaternary ammonium compound with a concentration from greater than 10% by weight; and  
at least one solubility enhancing agent.

5. (Amended) The solution of claim 4, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound ranges from greater than 10% by weight to about 60% by weight.

6. (Amended) The solution of claim 5, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound ranges from greater than 10% by weight to about 50% by weight.